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TAGS: OVIP (DEN UYL, J.M.), NL

SUBJECT: DEN UYL'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

REF: THE HAGUE 1472

1. DCM'S REPLY TO RINGNALDA'S PUZZLING REMARK ABOUT FORMAL INVITATION TO DEN UYL AND YOUR REMINDER THAT WE ARE AWAITING REPLY FROM NETHERLANDS EMBASSY TO THE INVITATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN EXTENDED WERE WELL TAKEN. YOU MAY TELL RINGNALDA THAT WE WILL BE COMMUNICATING THROUGH NETHERLANDS EMBASSY WASHINGTON PROPOSED PRESS STATEMENT FOR SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE IN THE HAGUE AND WASHINGTON. WE SHALL DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER DEN UYL'S ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATIONS IS RECEIVED HERE. WE CANNOT BEGIN MAKING FIRM PLANS WITHOUT IT.

2. WE FULLY APPRECIATE DELICATE SITUATION CREATED BY POOR
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COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND PRIME MINISTER'S

OFFICE, BUT STRONG FEELING HERE IS THAT THAT IS THEIR
PROBLEM AND NOT OURS. AS EMBASSY CORRECTLY INTENDS TO
POINT OUT, WE SEE NO ALTERNATIVE TO WORKING WITH NETHER-
LANDS EMBASSY HERE, AND THAT MEANS IT MUST BE FULLY
INFORMED AND GUIDED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY ON ALL ASPECTS OF
DEN UYL'S PLANS AND INTERESTS. WHEN YOU NEXT TALK TO
RINGNALDA AND FOREIGN MINISTRY, PLEASE TRY AGAIN TO GET
THIS IDEA ACROSS TO BOTH OF THEM. INGERSOLL

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